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Enriched by Diversity; United as One Community



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SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

The **Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs** (OAPIA) is organizing a small business forum entitled "**Mind Your Business**" to be held at the **National Building Museum** on **September 14, 2006**. This forum is designed to help new and existing Asian Pacific Islander (API) merchants learn about new development areas in the District and new business ideas in those areas. API merchants who have taken steps to transform and improve their businesses are also invited to share their experiences to other participants. Other helpful topics that will be discussed include *Available Government Assistance and Bank Commercial Loans for Small Merchants*, *Top 5 Things to Watch Out For When Signing Commercial Lease*, *Secrets to Marketing Your Business Effectively*.

OAPIA invited the Deputy Mayor for Economic and Development, Mr. Stanley Jackson for welcoming remarks. Other speakers invited to speak are representatives from the Department of Local, Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, the Enhanced Business Information Center, and the Washington Economic Partnership.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided during the event. This event is co-organized with the *Enhanced Business Information Center*, *Washington Economic Partnership*, and co-sponsored with the *US Pacific Asian American Chamber of Commerce*, *BB&T*, *Bank of America* and *Korean American Business Association*.

FREE!

“Mind Your Business” Small Business Forum



September 14, 2006

9:00AM — 4:00PM

National Building Museum

(By Metro: Red Line, Judiciary Square Station,
National Building Museum Exit)

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Find Out About Advantages of Investing
in the Nation's Capital

Business Makeovers that Attracts More
Customers!

Learn About Available Government Tax
Exemptions and more

Identify Where and What Businesses to
Invest in the District

Learn Smart Tips About Commercial
Leasing Contracts

Understand Multiple Ways of Financing
Your Small Business

Breakfast is provided!

Co-sponsored with:

There's opportunity here



**Korean American
Business Association**

DIVERSECITY JOB FAIR

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) in collaboration with the DC Office of Personnel (DCOP) is hosting its annual DiverseCITY Job Fair on Friday, September 8, 2006. The event is cosponsored with Asian Fortune, JoongangUSA, KoreaTimes, Manila Mail, Metro, Pho Nho Weekly Newspaper, and the Vietnamese American Television.

This free Job Fair is held to give the Asian American white and blue-collar workers an opportunity to explore the wide range of possibilities of different careers and employers; to help individuals who have limited English proficiency (LEP) find job opportunities throughout the District; and to help DC agencies reach out to the Asian American Community to recruit bilingual talents.

100 exhibitors from the District of Columbia and Federal governments, as well as from the non-profit and private sectors have registered to attend. Many of them are big employers and all currently have job openings for all levels and skills. What makes this event stand out from many other Job Fairs is that we have invited many agencies and firms who are specifically looking for Asian language speaking job applicants and quite a number of them have job opportunities for people with limited English proficiency. Language help in Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin and Vietnamese will be provided for individual who need the assistance. Over 500 participants are expected to attend. It is expected that this will be the largest job fair for Asian and Pacific Islander job seekers in the metropolitan Washington region.



The ***DiverseCITY Job Fair*** will be held in the National Building Museum located at 401 F Street, NW, Washington, DC. OAPIA chose this venue not only because it is beautiful and spacious but also because it is in the heart of the city, close to Chinatown and next to a metro station, making it easily accessible to our attract audiences.

OAPIA is recruiting volunteers, especially bilingual volunteers to help out at the event. If you are interested in more details please contact us via website www.apia.dc.gov, email ngoc.trinh@dc.gov, or fax (202) 727-39655.

FREE & OPEN TO ALL!

DIVERSECITY JOB FAIR

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**PROMOTING CAREER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASIANS
AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

Friday, September 8, 2006 10:00 AM to 4:00PM

National Building Museum

401 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

(By Metro: Red Line, Judiciary Square Station, National Building Museum Exit)



- ★ Job Opportunities for Everyone!
- ★ Job Opportunities also available for Limited English Proficient Individuals!
- ★ Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, and Vietnamese Language Assistance Available!

OVER 100 EMPLOYERS INVITED!!!

BB&T	DC Dept. of Motor Vehicles	PNC Bank
The Boeing Company	Embassy Suites	Safeway Incorporated
Borders Books and Music	Gold's Gym	United Way of America
Capital Hilton Hotel	H&R Block	US Dept. of Commerce
CitiGroup / SMITH BARNEY	Macy's	US Dept. of Defense
DC Dept. of Health	Nordstrom	US Dept. of State
DC Dept. Human Services	Omni Shoreham Hotel	<u>AND MANY OTHERS!!!</u>

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FUNDING ALERTS

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OAPIA RECEIVES \$250,000 OF LOCAL DOLLARS FOR FIRST-TIME COMMUNITY GRANT

For the first time, the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) has received a budget enhancement of \$250,000 to be used as a community grant for community-based organizations providing direct services to underserved Asian and Pacific Islander (API) residents. Earlier in the year OAPIA worked long and hard to convince the policy makers to allocate money for the unmet needs of API residents. This was done at a time when there was a budget shortfall and certain District programs were being reduced.

When the budget was approved by the Congress and President, OAPIA began the grant start-up process. With the assistance of grant consultant Helen A. White, OAPIA released the Request for Application (RFA) for the community grant (RFA #CG1000-07) on July 27, 2006 in which proposals for programs in health, education, employment, and legal services for APIs were solicited. On August 10, 2006, OAPIA held a Pre-application Conference in which Ms. White went over the RFA in detail and took questions. The Pre-application Conference attracted much interest and was well attended as evidenced by the attendance of 10 community-based organizations.

By October, OAPIA expects to announce the awardees and make 4-6 awards of up to \$50,000 per award. The awardees will be announced in the next issue of the eNewsletter. OAPIA hopes to build on the success of this first grant program for the next fiscal year.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER NOW for the 2006 Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD), in partnership with Citibank, the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, and the Alliance for Nonprofit Management, will host its 8th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference—Moving Forward: Continued Commitment to Building Partnerships.* Workshops will focus on writing proposals, managing grants, building partnerships, finding funding, and more. Attendees will be able to access an extensive exhibit hall for additional information. The all-day conference will be held at George Washington University's Marvin Center on October 30, 2006. For further information and to register, go to: www.regonline.com/104901; or contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 or the Center for Nonprofit Advancement at (202) 457-0540.

FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES

AmeriCorps Grant Programs. *The Corporation for National and Community Service's mission is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. In the FY 2007 competition, it will give special consideration to projects that address one or a combination of four strategic initiatives that meet critical needs of our nation, achieve national service goals, and address community problems: (1) mobilizing more volunteers; (2) ensuring a brighter future for all of America's youth; (3) engaging students in communities; and (4) harnessing baby boomers' experience. Please see individual grant listings below:*

AmeriCorps National Direct Grants. *Corporation for National and Community Service announces funds to make awards to organizations that operate their AmeriCorps program in more than one state. Grantees receive funds to pay the members' living allowance and support program costs. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2007. Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation. A match is required. For further information, contact Amy Borgstrom at (202) 606-6930 or aborgstrom@cns.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10588&mode=VIEW>. GrantID: GD1449*

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AmeriCorps National Education Award Program. *Corporation for National and Community Service* announces funds to recruit, train, and manage AmeriCorps members, individuals who engage in community service. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities and private institutions of higher education. Institutions of higher education or state education agencies may operate in one state; other applicants must operate in more than one state. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2007. A match is required. For further information, contact Amy Borgstrom at (202) 606-6930 or aborgstrom@cns.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10587&mode=VIEW>. GrantID: GD1448

AmeriCorps National Planning Grants. *Corporation for National and Community Service* will award these grants directly to organizations to assist them in developing an AmeriCorps program in more than one state. They must not have received a National Direct grant in the past. The purpose of a planning grant is to enable the grantee to successfully compete in the following grant cycle. Planning grants may not be used to support members. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2007. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available. A match is required. For further information, contact Amy Borgstrom at (202) 606-6930 or aborgstrom@cns.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10589&mode=VIEW>. GrantID: GD1453

AmeriCorps National Professional Corps. *Corporation for National and Community Service* announces funds to place members as teachers, nurses, and other health care providers, police officers, early childhood development staff, engineers, or other professionals providing service in communities with an inadequate number of such professionals. Grantees receive Corporation funding to support program costs and use their own or other resources to pay the members' living allowance and additional member costs. Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit organizations, including labor organizations; faith-based and other community organizations; institutions of higher education; government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties); Indian Tribes; or a partnership or consortia consisting of the aforementioned are eligible to apply. Intermediaries are encouraged to apply. Applicants must apply directly to the Corporation. Professional Corps programs may also apply through State Competitive competitions. The deadline for applications is February 16, 2007. A match is required. For further information, contact Amy Borgstrom at (202) 606-6930 or aborgstrom@cns.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=10590&mode=VIEW>. GrantID: GD1450

Effectiveness, Practice, and Implementation in Center for Mental Health Services' (CMHS) Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Program for Children and Their Families Service Sites (R01). *Department of Health and Human Services* invites research grant applications on services delivered to children, adolescents, and their families and encourages studies of the effectiveness of interventions delivered at these sites, the nature and impact of routine prevention or clinical practice, and factors related to successful implementation of preventive or treatment interventions. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations other than small businesses and small businesses. There are multiple deadline dates: February 1, June 1, and October 1, 2007. For further information, contact Carmen Moten, Ph.D. at (301) 433-3725 or cmoten@mail.nih.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=10605>. GrantID: GD1455

DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Department of Human Services, Infants and Toddlers, September 11, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Department of Health, 2006 Ryan White Title I Home Health, September 11, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

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Department of Human Services, Early Readers Now, September 28, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, September 29, and December 28, 2006.

REVISED. *Department of Health, FY 2007 Ryan White Title I EMA-Wide Grant, October 17, 2006.*

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITIES

DC Community. *The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation is committed to building a stronger community for residents of the Washington, DC area through support of programs in arts and humanities, community services, education, and health. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2006. For further information, contact the Foundation at (202) 223-3100 or info@cafritzfoundation.org; or go to: <http://www.cafritzfoundation.org/Main/default.asp>. GrantID: GD1458*

RESOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nonprofit Training Series. *The Enhanced Business Information Center (e-BIC), in partnership with Southeastern University's (SEU) Center for Entrepreneurship, will offer the following series of nonprofit workshops:*

How to Start a Nonprofit: covers the essential tools needed to start a nonprofit organization;

Nonprofit Staff and Board Development: helps participants understand the crucial role that boards play in a nonprofit organization; staff development will also be discussed;

Nonprofit Strategic Planning: covers the differences between strategic plans and business plans for nonprofit organizations; participants will also learn how to conduct SWOT and competitive analyses of their nonprofits; and

Fundraising for Nonprofits: will introduce fundraising planning and creating a standard grant format.

The series will run once a month starting in September. For dates, times, locations, and other information, contact Katina Bolden at (202) 727-2241 or katina.bolden@dc.gov; or go to: <http://app.calendar.rrc.dc.gov/monthView.aspx?cdlCalendars=11>.